



# Circuit Plating Tape

## 1278

Technical Data

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### Product Description

3M™ Circuit Plating Tape 1278 is a polyester film tape with a specially formulated silicone-free adhesive for masking solder mask over bare copper (SMOBC) printed wiring boards during the gold tip plating process.

### Product Construction

Backing	Adhesive	Color	Standard Roll Length
Polyester	Rubber blend	Blue	Custom sizes only. Contact your local 3M sales representative for more information.

### Typical Physical Properties

**Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.**

		ASTM Test Method
Adhesion to Steel:	31.4 oz./in. width (34.4 N/100 mm)	D-3330
Tensile Strength:	24.6 lbs./in. width (430.9 N/100 mm)	D-3759
Elongation at Break:	116%	D-3759
Total Tape Thickness:	2.8 mils (.071 mm)	D-3652

### Features

- Silicone-free adhesive which eliminates silicone removal.
- Low stretch polyester film for machine, as well as hand application.
- Solvent clean up of the board is recommended to facilitate subsequent soldering.\*
- High strength, stable polyester backing which provides even stop-off line.
- 2 mil adhesive coating thickness which is thick enough to help prevent leaking on a wide range of solder mask surfaces and thin enough for easy handling and removal from board.
- High strength adhesive which virtually eliminates adhesive transfer after tape removal.

\*Be sure to follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use when using solvents.

### Application Ideas

- Masking of many SMOBC printed wiring boards during solder stripping and precious metal plating of fingers.

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**Application Techniques** • Tape must be firmly pressed down by equipment with rubber-covered rollers. Hand rolling usually does not provide enough pressure. A vivid outline of the circuit leads usually indicates that adequate pressure was used.

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**Storage** Store under normal conditions of 60° to 80°F (15° to 27°C) and 50% R.H. in the original carton.

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**Shelf Life** To obtain best performance, use this product within 18 months from date of manufacture.

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